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TAGS: PFOR, PINS, XF, AU

SUBJECT: NEW FEDAYEEN WARNING TO AUSTRIAN GOVT

REF: BEIRUT 11596

1. BEIRUT'S PRO-FEDAYEEN AL MUHARRIR OCT 2 CARRIED ANOTHER
FEDAYEEN STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY DELIVERED TO PAPER EVENING OCT 1
BY "EAGLES OF PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION" WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE
DELIVERED TO GOA. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

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QTE WE HAVE LEARNED MRS. MEIR IS ABOUT TO MEET WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR AND WE ARE WATCHING ALL HYSTERICAL ZIONIST AND AMERICAN PRESSURES BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GOA TO FORCE IT RETREAT FROM ITS DECISION. WHEN WE AGREED RELEASE HOSTAGES, WE DID SO BELIEVING IN WORD AND ETHICS OF AUSTRIAN GOVT AND PEOPLE. WE CONFIDENT OF OUR ABILITY TO ACT AGAINST ANYONE, ANYWHERE, AT ANY TIME.

QTE WE ARE ANXIOUS RESPECT AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY AND WE DESIRE GOOD RELATIONS, BUT WE ALSO ANXIOUS LIBERATE OUR COUNTRY. JEWISH EMIGRATION TO PALESTINE, FROM WHICH WE WERE UPROOTED BY FORCE, HELPS ENEMY INCREASE HIS MILITARY AND MANPOWER POTENTIAL TO COMMIT FURTHER AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR NATION. WE CONSIDER ANYONE HELPING SUCH EMIGRATION AS PARTICIPANT IN AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

QTE THEREFORE, IF GOA DECIDES AFTER MEIR'S VISIT TO RETREAT FROM ITS STAND, INVALIDATE ITS PLEDGES AND SURRENDER TO PRESSURE, THIS WILL PRODUCE VERY SERIOUS SITUATION AND AUSTRIAN GOVT AND PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO BEAR CONSEQUENCES. WE DECLARE OUR POSITION FIRMLY AND WISH TO EXPLAIN IT TO AUSTRIAN GOVT AND PEOPLE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. UNQTE

2. MUHARRIR ALSO REPORTS TWO AUSTRIAN PILOTS STILL BEING DETAINED IN LIBYA, WITH EFFORTS BY AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE HAVING PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL. SPECULATES LARG MAY BE HOLDING THEM HOSTAGE TO ENSURE GOA CARRIES OUT UTS UNDERTAKINGS TO FEDAYEEN.

3. COMMENT: AS MANY ADDRESSEES AWARE, MUHARRIR HAS IN PAST DEMONSTRATED IT POSSESSES EXCELLENT PIPELINE INTO INNER-MOST COUNCILS OF FEDAYEEN MOVEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TERRORIST OPERATIONS.
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